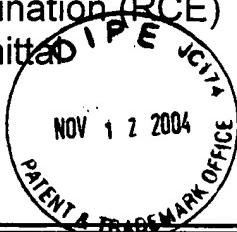


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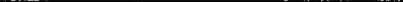
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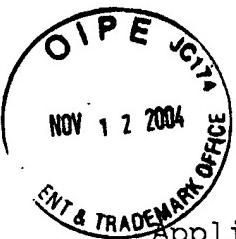
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In view of the advisory Action of November 1, 2004, an RCE has been filed. In this respect, please amend the application, as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

REMARKS